

United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	John F. Grady	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	
CASE NUMBER	01 C 267	DATE	March 2, 2004
CASE TITLE	Morgenstern v. Cook County Sheriff's Officers, et al.		

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 - FRCP4(m)
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- (10) [Other docket entry] Defendants' motion for summary judgment [16-1] is granted in part and denied in part. Summary judgment is entered in favor of the defendants and against the plaintiff on the state law claims, Counts II and III, for the reasons asserted in defendants' motion. Summary judgment is denied as to all three defendants on Count I. ENTER MEMORANDUM OPINION.

- (11) [For further detail see order (on reverse side of/attached to) the original minute order.]

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March 2, 2004

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

JACOB MICHAEL MORGESTERN,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 01 C 0267
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COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS)
MEGROMIS, STAR NO. 3355, O'CONNOR,)
STAR NO. 4422, and DICARO, STAR)
NO. 1922,)
)
Defendants.)

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MEMORANDUM OPINION

The defendants have moved for summary judgment on all three counts of the complaint. Count I is a Fourth Amendment excessive force claim and Counts II and III are state law claims. Plaintiff has withdrawn his opposition to the motion as far as the state law claims are concerned, and, accordingly, summary judgment will be entered in favor of the defendants and against the plaintiff on the state law claims, for the reasons asserted in defendants' motion. (Statute of Limitations and immunity.)

The situation is different as to Count I. Although defendants argue to the contrary, there is clearly a genuine issue as to whether the defendants O'Connor and Megromis used excessive force in arresting the plaintiff. Defendants simply ignore the testimony of the plaintiff himself, who testified unequivocally that he did

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not resist arrest and that the defendant O'Connor threw him to the floor and held him there by putting his knee into the plaintiff's back, causing him considerable pain. Handcuffs were then applied to plaintiff's wrists by defendants O'Connor and Megromis so tightly that plaintiff was caused further pain, and his complaints about the pain were ignored. This is sufficient evidence to create a genuine issue as to whether the defendants O'Connor and Megromis used excessive force.

As for the defendant DiCaro, there is no evidence that he participated in the initial physical contact with plaintiff or that he helped to handcuff him. However, according to both plaintiff and Chicago police officer Malinowski, Deputy DiCaro was present during the incident and was present at the time defendant was handcuffed. (Plaintiff's Deposition of September 4, 2002, at 64; Malinowski Deposition at 44.) Therefore, there is a genuine issue of fact as to whether the defendant DiCaro heard the plaintiff complain of the tightness of the handcuffs and failed to intervene. Accordingly, we must deny DiCaro's motion for summary judgment as well. See Herzog v. Village of Winnetka, 309 F.3d 1041, 1043 (7th Cir. 2002) (tight handcuffs); Yang v. Hardin, 37 F.3d 282, 285 (7th Cir. 1994) (failure to intervene).

DATED: March 2, 2004

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John F. Grady, United States District Judge